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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Mitsuru Tanabe et al.

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SIR:

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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliance dated March 3, 2003, please amend the  
above-identified patent application as follows:

✓ IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 9 and 14 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claims 1-8 and 10-13 as shown in the attached marked-up copy to read

as follows:

Sub (M) 1. (Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:  
storage means for storing a database including information for discriminating contents  
duplicated in the past and temporal data as to the time of duplication of said contents in the  
past,